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Subject: Malibu Schools

## Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am the parent of two children attending Webster Elementary in Malibu, CA. My children are zoned for Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School and I have been monitoring the ongoing environmental issued at these schools since last Fall. Frankly, I am utterly and completely appalled at the apparent negligence and disregard for children's health and safety that has been demonstrated by the school board and SMMUSD in addressing these issues. The incompetence, foot-dragging and stalling must end now. Time is running out. With school starting on August 19, it is inexcusable that there is no comprehensive game plan in place for addressing these issues and moving to remediate the sites while providing students with a safe learning environment. If SMMUSD cannot or will not do right by the children of the Malibu community, then the EPA must force them to do so before it is too late.

I join Malibu Unites and other concerned members of the Malibu community in demanding that the EPA:

- Order SMMUSD to remove students from any potential exposure, until full source testing and remediation has been completed. School starts on August 19. Please ensure that students at MHS and JC have a place to be educated that is free of PCBs. ie: provide portable (pcb-free) classrooms for any rooms that violate 50ppm until which time renovation or full remediation has been completed.
- 2. Order SMMUSD to immediately test all the caulk/building materials suspected of containing PCBs in all classrooms constructed or renovated pre-1979
- 3. Order SMMUSD to immediately remove all PCB material in excess of 50ppm that is in violation of TSCA
- 4. Reject Environ's second PCB plan as wholly inadequate and in violation of TSCA regulation. There is no legal basis for leaving illegal levels of PCBs in place for 15 years. Fines under TSCA should be levied on the district for every day that they have not provided an appropriate plan since their due date of March 30th, 2014.

I support Malibu Unites' formal letter sent to the EPA to reject Envrion/district's plan to leave PCBs in place for 15 years.

Our family moved to Malibu last Summer, in large part, for the excellent public school education offered here. Given the environmental issues that exist and the complete failure of SMMUSD to address them in any competent manner, I don't see how I can send my children on to Malibu Middle School and MHS in good conscience when the time comes, unless something is done to address these issues and remediate the sites immediately.

Respectfully, Michele E. Beuerlein

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